

Local News

The ice season at hand.

Coasting was never better.

Ice running heavily in the river.

Fred Knapp was the first to break the ice of the ice harvest.

The ferry boat is laid up on the Callaway side with a leak in her boiler.

H. C. Geisberg will now provide another plate at family board. It's a girl.

River threatens to close at any hour. A gorge is imminent opposite the city.

The mail was brought over from Cedar in a skiff yesterday—a hazardous experiment.

Sympathetic references to the death of Princess Alice made in all the churches of Rome yesterday.

Died of exposure and want, is the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of an unknown man found dead by the railroad track Tuesday morning a mile east of Tipton. He was a tramp and said his home was Terre Haute.

Col. Leaming returned home from St. Louis Wednesday morning. He saw the big fire just as he was leaving, after Powell's carpet store had been destroyed and the flames were attacking Jaccard's, where the flames were arrested.

The wedding party at Mrs. Keilman's last Tuesday night was one of the most enjoyable the young people of Richmond Hill and Muenchburg have had in the city for many a day. Everything passed off most pleasantly and agreeable.

The Tribune says the "bigger game" the grand jury was looking for was "political opponents." Examine the list of the indicted and see what a crowd of "political opponents" there was of thieves and robbers these 7 democrats and 5 republicans did indict anyway.

The grand jury does not appear to have pleased the jinxed tarantula of the Tribune. It did not indict the saloon men and did indict "political opponents." We know of the indictment of several murderers, thieves, swindlers, and robbers, and of course they are all "political opponents."

From a member of the grand jury we learn that none of the saloon men were indicted. We presume there was no evidence of their having violated the law. The talk against them was doubtless to draw attention from bigger game.—JOURNAL.

Of course! Perish the thought that the sheriff would sell beer on Sunday! Of course, the grand jury could not know of this! Bigger game probably means political opponents.—Tribune.

That grand jury was composed of seven Democrats and five Republicans, all honest men, and none of them afraid to bring indictments against any and all offenders. If that includes political opponents, so be it.

John S. McCloud, deputy sheriff of Marion county, passed through the city last evening, having in charge two colored men named respectively Walter Sommerhill and David Hogan. They are charged with robbing another negro last March, and go for ten years each.—Sedalia Democrat.

A number of calls from friends in the Country during the past week. Among them, the tried and true veteran patriot, B. McDavitt, of Russellville, the enterprising merchants of Stringtown, N. Doeblia and Chas. W. Lohman, John Carrender of Brazito, and John Schnider, all faithful friends of the county and its prosperity.

The county jail was at one time furnished with 13 iron bedsteads and the grand jury recommend that "another 13 iron bedsteads" be provided. This is an affliction to the Tribune, and it retorts by declaring that the schoolmaster did not pen the paragraph. Well, a man of common sense did, and men of common sense understand it.

Mr. John W. Kirchner, of the mills of Kirchner & Shepperle on the South Moreau, gave us a call Monday. They have the mill rebuilt all but the roof, in the prompt receipt of which they are disappointed. The mill is of brick and the roof metal. It will be provided with all the latest improved machinery and be one of the finest mills in the country.

The grand jury appears to have returned a number of things to displease the Tribune. It is mad because the saloon men were not indicted and complains that instead of them it indicted political opponents. To this soft impeachment we presume it must own up. It did indict a number of murderers, thieves and robbers, and doubtless they were all political opponents.

Make the charge more specific Mr. Tribune man, do you say? We'll do it. Under the 23d section of the city charter, as amended by the act of 1874, the present mayor of the city has forfeited his office and is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, for the violation of the prohibitory portion of the section, which is that no officer of the city shall be interested in any work for or on account of said city. What is his plea? Guilty or not guilty?

The Impending Crisis.

"S. J.; next president or Blud," is the ominous legend found scrawled on alley fences in Oil City yesterday afternoon.—Oil City Derrick.

Encoring the Old Ticket.

Tilden and Hendricks, first, last and all the time," is the Little Rock Democrat's programme for 1880. The whooping up on the southern end of the line is getting lively.—Memphis Avalanche.

Blowing Themselves Up with Rose Oil.

We chronicle another accident from burning while cleaning a pair of gloves with rose oil. Ladies should be reminded that this is dangerous work anywhere in a room with a light or fire.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A PRISON ROMANCE.

How a Convict finds his Amanced.

A woman of 45, a widow, and of rather prepossessing appearance, called at the office of Warden Willis a few weeks ago and, presenting her card, asked an interview with one— a guest of the big stone hotel of which Mr. Willis is the keeper.

The affable clerk in attendance was very polite and obliging, but, as is the custom, under the rules of the prison, applied a few leading questions to the strange, matronly appearing woman, as to the object of her visit and her relation to the person with whom she desired an interview.

"To tell you the whole story," replied the woman, "Mr. — is my prospective son-in-law, and as I have never seen him I came to inquire into his character and see how I like him. I want to see him the first thing."

After further inquiries it was learned that through a fellow prisoner, one —, the convict with whom the interview was asked, had obtained the information that this woman, who had come to make him this remarkable visit, was a widow lady of considerable wealth, living in Southwest Missouri, with a handsome and accomplished daughter, an only child; that with this young lady he had opened correspondence, the young lady conceiving that it would be a romantic idea to have a lover inside the walls of a prison, yielding to the convict's request and giving his letters a prompt and encouraging reply.

The correspondence went on until it ripened into a marriage engagement, and then it was that the interested "mama" took it upon herself to come up to Jefferson and get a glimpse of her promising son-in-law of the future.

After some delay the interview was granted. The result was satisfactory. To say that the hopeful "mama" was pleased were too tame. She was delighted. To be sure—he some time ago in the dim past made an unwarranted use of another man's name, but misfortune had overtaken him, and he was now the victim of a cruel conspiracy against his liberty. He was charged with forgery, but this was a trap to ruin a man of brains, and bring him into disgrace. He was bright, sharp, entertaining, fond of poetry and sentiment and it was too bad he should be shut up in this miserable place.

Thus the matter stands. If the girl is in love the old woman is infatuated and in a few weeks, about New Years, Mr. — will emerge from the walls of the prison, take the first train to — county, lead the handsome and accomplished Miss — to the hymeneal altar, settle down to the delights of married life in a home prepared for him by a devoted mama and live the balance of his days in peace and plenty, conscious that a few of his leisure moments in the 'pen' were well improved.

The delighted mama writes her prospective son-in-law that the stories told her of his bad character by the prison officers she believes are wicked inventions of his enemies. Having been immured in prison for a number of years she knows he is virtuous.

Is not this indeed a piece of romance in real life?

County School Matters.

The clerk of the county court has filed with the State Superintendent of Public Schools his annual report to April, 1878, showing as follows:

ENUMERATION	
of persons in county between the ages of 6 and 20:	
White males.....	2,456
White females.....	2,157
Total white.....	4,613
Colored males.....	193
Colored females.....	176
Total colored....	369
Total males, white and colored.....	2,649
Total females, " " ".....	2,333
Aggregate.....	4,982

FINANCES.	
On hand, in county treasury, April, 1877.....	\$15 3 24
From State moneys, 1877, Auditor's warrant.....	3,973 02
From interest on county fund, 1877..	475 57
From " " township fund, 1877	2,265 56
From district tax, Collector's settlement, January, 1878.....	9,079 62
Total amount.....	17,877 01
Expended as per Treasurer's settlement, April, 1878.....	11,389 47

Balance in cash on hand in county treasury April, 1878.....	5,987 54
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PRINCIPAL OF VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS.	
Amount of township school funds..	\$27,414 50
Swamp, land school funds.....	60,000 00
County funds.....	4,695 88
Fines and penalties.....	60,000 00

Total.....	32,019 88
Amount received during the year (1877-8) for fines and penalties,—"Nothing."	
How disposed of—	

G. A. PARSONS, County Clerk.

NOTE:—It seems that the school funds of the county were not enriched very much by fines and penalties in the report. There are several ways of accounting for the circumstance.

SWEETER, CLEANER, PURER.

Refined and intelligent ladies use Dr. Price's Unique Perfumes, Alissa Bouquet or Pet Rose. Such ladies have tastes for the beautiful, prove affectionate companions, and will keep well-odorized households. To the lower orders all smells are alike; it is the sweeter, cleaner, purer, that enjoy Dr. Price's rich odors.

Count Andrassy declares the annexation of Servia and Montenegro would be a most perverted and unhappy policy.

MORE ABOUT MUNFORD.

He Visits Wyandott Again and "Shells Out" \$119 Fine and Costs.

"But Linden saw another sight."

Morrison Munford made his appearance in the district court room at Wyandott yesterday and put in a plea of guilty to the charge of libelling Baker of the Commonwealth. His plea was accepted, and, after mature deliberation, Judge Stevens imposed a fine of \$100 and costs, amounting in all to \$119. Morry went down into his pants and produced the requisite mads. The bench warrant from the Third judicial district, dated July 13th, 1877, was produced by Sheriff Ryus, and Munford was arrested on the strength of it. The 50-cents-on-the-dollar-man became highly indignant and kicked considerably, but the sheriff was inexorable. Munford got out a writ of habeas corpus and gave bond to the amount of \$1,000 to appear December 30th, at 7 p. m., and argue the question before Judge Stevens. Morry drove home in his cutter through the bright sunlight and the fire in his eyes, scared several loads of merry sleigh riders. His trusty counselor rode beside him, and as the two drove up to the concern in the alley they found a double row of the employees, drawn up in state to receive the Panjandrum—the spotless knight of the woful countenance, who had returned from his unsuccessful tilt with the windmill. Slug 13 led off in a beautiful mezzo tint voice with the aria:

O Morry, is it you dear,
Safe, safe at home?

O Morry, is it you dear?
Why did you roam?

The chorus, considering the lack of preparation, was fine, some of the semi-demi-heml quavers, showing real depth of feeling. Some of the hands were entirely overcome and wept aloud, (probably on account of the loss of that \$119, which would necessitate another postponement of pay day.)

After a beautiful solo by a sub, the political poet let himself out a couple of reefs which is omitted as it requires setting up in sections and has too much of the flavor of "Mary had a little lamb" about it.

The soiree closed with scarcely a dry eye within the radius of four blocks and the mourners went out and braced up their sinews of war with a couple of stone fences.—K. C. Journal.

School House Burned.

From Mr. Davidson, one of the trustees, we learn that the Pleasant Grove (Crandall) school house, on the Boonville road, caught fire in the afternoon of Tuesday last while school was in progress, and in the short space of twenty minutes was in ashes.

The fire had made considerable headway before it was discovered. The school children barely had time to gather up their books and things before it was down upon them. There were no means of extinguishing the flames at hand, and so strong a headway had it obtained that the building was of necessity abandoned to its fate.

There is \$300 insurance on the building in the Rockford Company, of Illinois. Mr. Davidson will at once notify the company of the loss and collect the amount due.

Mr. Mattox was the teacher of the school, and has the reputation of being an excellent instructor. It is a sad calamity to have his school broke up in this way just at this time. We trust that some means may be found by which it may be continued.

Jacob H. Swihart.

Everybody remembers Jacob H. Swihart, or "Little Jake," as he was familiarly called, whose arrest in this city a year ago caused such a commotion. He was arrested by a detective from Champaign, Ill., on a charge of forgery. "Jake" was a general favorite in the city, and no one suspected that he could be guilty of the crime. We have been asked repeatedly by his friends what became of the case, and for the benefit of those who have not been informed, we will state that he was acquitted and has long since gone before a higher Judge. He laid in prison at Champaign all winter, and at his trial last spring was fully acquitted. His imprisonment, however, had preyed upon his mind to such an extent that his health gave way, and in just one week from the day on which he walked forth a free man, he died at his home, of consumption.

"Jake" was a perfect little gentleman, generous and liberal to a fault, and for aught any one knows, thoroughly honest. The sad termination in his case will be regretted by all who knew him.—Sedalia Dem.

Cole Circuit Court.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12.

C. P. Hager vs. A. W. Smith; jury trial and verdict for plaintiff for \$39 45.

E. W. Ward vs. Jas. F. Clark; dismissed at cost of defendant.

Craighead vs. Allen; dismissed, plaintiff pays the justices costs, and the defendant the costs of appeal.

M. S. Carter vs. J. S. Sullivan; amended answer filed.

Geo. Schmidt vs. Louis Conrath, et al; motion for costs sustained, plaintiff to file bond in ten days.

Thulman vs. Kaufman; motion to require defendants to answer jointly overruled.

DR. PRICE'S SPECIAL FLAVORING EXTRACTS.

Vanilla, Lemon, and all extracts used in flavoring ice cream, jellies, cakes, etc., are acknowledged, by the best housekeepers in the land, to be the finest flavors made. Strange that persons will use worthless extracts when such natural flavors as Dr. Price's are to be had.

Election of Bank Directors.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Jefferson City, Mo.—The annual election of eleven directors of this bank will be held January 14, 1879, at 7 o'clock p. m.

A. M. DAVISON, President.

Family slaughtered by masked brutes near Waco, Tex.

Missouri Items.

The Rolla Herald claims that Rolla does more business than any other town in the Southwest.

The Southwest District Teachers' association will hold its session at Springfield, commencing on the 29th inst. An interesting programme has been arranged.

The Northeast Missouri Teachers' association will meet in Macon City on Thursday evening, Dec. 26. This association is composed of nearly all the progressive teachers of North Missouri.

A German woman named Goebel committed suicide by hanging herself on Wednesday last at her farm about seventeen miles southwest of Rolla. Her husband committed suicide about two years ago. Since that period Mrs. Goebel has at different times exhibited signs of insanity.

On the evening of the 4th inst. Henry H. Bedford was standing at the depot at Charleston, Mo., and volunteered to assist the brakeman in making a coupling. In his attempt to make a fastening he slipped and fell under the wheels. His left leg was crushed and torn off close to the body, and the balance of the body was so badly mangled that death ensued in a few hours.

On the 6th inst. Mrs. Hannah Fanning, who resides on Son's creek, near Sac river, Dade county, committed suicide by jumping into Sac river. About six weeks ago her husband, Robert E. Fanning, to whom she has been married several years, and by whom she has two children nearly grown, deserted her and left home with a vile woman in the neighborhood named Dearing, and has not since been heard from.

But for the recent snows there might have been serious trouble among stock men in various portions of Lafayette county. The water was very low in Davis creek, in fact it could only be found in small pools, and the war had already commenced for the possession of this water, and considerable ill-feeling engendered before the snow fell and restored peace. In some instances farmers are said to have driven their famishing stock ten miles to water.

TELEGRAMS CONDENSED.

Lewis appointed postmaster at Carthage, Mo.

The mate on the British bark Answay nearly murdered.

John Hall fatally shot at Keilip Station, Ky., by Harvey McCord.

William Meyers clubs Wm. Plow to death, at Delhi Station, Ohio.

Sig. or Depretes has undertaken the formation of an Italian Cabinet.

Jack Kehoe, the Harrisburg murderer, sure to swing on Wednesday next.

Young Womack, of Marshall, Mo., the alleged murderer, found not guilty.

Patrick Cain killed by his brother-in-law Charles Callahan, at Boston, Mass.

John W. Ryan, the bogus insurance agent, in jail at Memphis, Tenn.

The English court to be draped in mourning for the next three weeks.

The Odessa, Russia, Commercial Bank goes into liquidation yesterday.

B. H. Eddins on trial in the United States Circuit Court, Memphis, Tenn.

James Heath and Tom Dillon carye each other at Leavenworth, Kansas.

A. K. Jackson kills O. A. Godfrey with a pop-bottle at Groesbeck, Texas.

James Loupe and Wm. Karaflet fight in Chicago; the latter nearly killed.

Preliminary examination of Mike Murphy, the Lafayette, Ind., boy murderer.

Track laying suspended on the C., A. & St. L. R. R. on account of heavy snow.

Burton Mallory, distinguished merchant, New Haven, Conn., dies yesterday.

The New Orleans Democrat sues the Playune, claiming \$25,000 damages for libel.

A deficiency of \$1,500,000 found in the South Wales District Bank, England.

Mrs. Dan. Standifer, wife of a well-known citizen, murdered at Comanche, Tex.

Memphis merchants subscribe liberally for the aid of Relief Boat Dalton's widow.

Karl Ferdinand Gutzkow, a German dramatic poet, dies at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

Charles Waller, an alleged St. Louis thief and murderer, captured at Memphis, Tenn.

Sixty-two murderers indicted in Merion county, Ind., during the past fourteen years.

Slaughter, a negro, nearly kills Archer Myers, the proprietor of a Louisville variety hall.

The Executive Committee of the Honest Money League meet in Chicago and decide to extend the work of the league to all the States.

Russian authorities at Constantinople selling large quantities of grain and a number of horses.

The prosecution in the Cunningham Whiting whisky case at Peoria, Ill., close their case and the defense to open theirs to-day.

Committee from New York Chamber of Commerce discuss their interests before Ways and Means Committee at Washington.

Minister Kasson says that if the U. S. Government desires a commercial treaty with Persia a favorable one can now be obtained.

Congressman Nathan Cole secures the appointment of Churchill as Appraiser in the St. Louis Custom-house over Schuster, his competitor.

The treaty between China and Spain, in regard to Chinese immigration, provides for the appointment of Chinese consular officers in Cuba.

YANKEE DOODLE'S WAYS.

Yankee Doodle made a home
Far across the water.
Found the bird of freedom here,
Kept her where he caught her.

Yankee Doodle set the style
Nations ought to follow,
For the free republic can
Beat the kingdoms hollow.

Yankee Doodle ought to be
Truly independent;
Thus the star of liberty
Keeps in the ascendant.

Yankee Doodle shouldn't ape
Any foreign nations;
Shouldn't ask in any shape,
Close affiliations.

Yankee Doodle doesn't want
Costly standing armies;
In a free-born people's strength
Yankee Doodle's charm is.

Yankee Doodle doesn't need
Men to spend their money,
Drones who leave him but the comb,
While they eat the honey.

Yankee Doodle sets his own
Fashions governmental,
Doesn't care for foreign styles,
Not a continental.

Yankee Doodle snaps his thumb
At the whole caboodle;
Says, "They may be good for some,
Not for Yankee Doodle."

Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Mind your business fairly;
Then the folks who beat you will
Have to get up airy.

—New York Sun.

Economy and Pleasure

are united in SOZODONT. A few drops on the brush make a delightful lather for the mouth, which is fragrant and healthful. SOZODONT tightens the teeth in their sockets, restores them to their original color, and is altogether the most agreeable wash ever offered to the public. It is economical and pleasant.

"A stitch in time saves nine," is a good motto for SPALDING'S GLUE. It preserves the furniture from destruction and can be applied by any householder.

Married.

TUCKLEY-KEILMAN.—At the residence of the bride's mother in this city on the 17th inst., by the Rev. T. W. Barrett, Mr. Richard Tuckley to Miss Lizzie Keilman. Attendants: DeWitt A. Rhodes and Miss Mary Tuckley, all of this city.

We wish our young friends, who have thus happily embarked on life's matrimonial sea a world of bliss and happiness. May their voyage prove a long and prosperous one.

Dick is an excellent barber, the best in the city, and certainly we can but venture the further wish that lots of little shavers will ere long rise up to bless and sanctify his name.

PALATABLE AND DIGESTIBLE.

If you desire your food to be enjoyable and digestible, use Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, which is not only free from adulteration, but wholesome. The educated chemists and physicians of this country use Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder in their own families.

What it is Costing Us.

According to the census and the internal revenue reports, the evil result of drinking intoxicating liquors may be summed up as follows:

It is costing our people a yearly expenditure of over \$1,500,000,000, all of which might be spent for far more useful purposes.

It is making yearly 130,000 confirmed drunkards.

It is sending yearly about 150,000 persons to drunkards' graves, and reducing to want and beggary 200,000 children.

It is sending to prisons 100,000 persons, and is causing a large proportion of the loss of life on land and sea.

It is converting millions upon millions of bushels of grain, which God has given as food to preserve life, into vile stuff that destroys life. It is endangering the fair and rich inheritance left us by our fathers, and fixing a foul blot on the fair name of America.

The above sum of money would pay off our national debt in two years, or it would furnish to the starving poor 220,000,000 barrels of flour at \$7 per barrel.

It would build 50,000 miles of railroad at \$30,000 per mile.

It would send a bible to every inhabitant of the globe.

It would build 150,000 dwelling houses or churches at \$10,000 each.

It would furnish 150,000,000 suits of clothing at \$10 each.

There are 140,000 saloons in the country, against 128,000 schools, and 54,000 churches. Manufacturers and sellers of strong drinks, 560,000,—twelve times the number of clergymen, four times that of teachers, nearly double all the lawyers, physicians, teachers and ministers combined.

In a word, if intoxicating liquors were abolished entirely from our land, crimes, poverty, and misery of all kinds would almost cease.

The Atlantic Express on the Wabash Road near Tolono, Ill., telegraphed. No one hurt.

The marriage of Princess Thyra to the Duke of Cumberland to take place on the 21st inst.

Maria Settle, a negro woman living at Shelbyville, Tenn., horribly murdered last night.

Shooting affray at Kenney, Ill., between Buck Walton and Jack Fruit. Neither killed.

John W. Ryan, of the St. Louis Underwriters' agency, committed to jail at Memphis, Tenn.

Extensive lobby at Washington endeavoring to prevent any reduction upon the duty on quinine.